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DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCUR WITH RATIONALE IN REF B THAT US GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT AGREE TO PROCEDURES IN JOINT COMMITTEE WHICH REQUIRE ISSUANCE OF DUTY CERTIFICATES BASED ON CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS RATHER THAN NATURE OF DUTIES. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING DESCRIBED IN REF A WOULD CONSTITUTE EXPEDIENT MEANS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLVING LONG STANDING PROBLEMS

THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE

TO THE OFFICIAL DUTY CONCEPT IN SPAIN (AND ELSEWHERE IF THE ARRANGEMENT BECAME KNOWN IN OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINES) SEEMS LIKELY TO OUTWEIGH PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES THAT MIGHT BE OBTAINED. ACCORDINGLY, US REPRESENTATIVES IN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PROPOSE TO SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES IN LIEU OF PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN REF A US MILITARY AUTHORITIES HENCEFORTH WILL NOT, IN THE ABSENCE OF PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATING THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY, ISSUE DUTY CERTIFICATES IN CASES INVOLVING TRAVEL TO AND FROM WORK IN POV'S. THE US GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK WAIVERS OF SPANISH JURISDICTION IN THESE CASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XVII OF THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION, AND TRUSTS THAT WAIVERS WILL NORMALLY BE GRANTED IN SUCH CASES. THIS SHOULD PRODUCE SAME PRACTICAL RESULT AS PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN REF A WITHOUT CAUSING ABOVE MENTIONED PROBLEMS RE SCOPE OF OFFICIAL DUTY. KISSINGER

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